
By: **Delegate Hurson**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Advisory Committee to Study Expansion of the All-Payor System**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an Advisory Committee to Study Expansion of the
4 All-Payor System; providing for the composition of the Advisory Committee;
5 requiring the Advisory Committee to study the inclusion of certain health care
6 services under the All-Payor System; providing for the duties of the Advisory
7 Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to elect a chairman from among
8 its members; providing for the staffing of the Advisory Committee; requiring the
9 Advisory Committee to meet at certain times; requiring the Advisory Committee
10 to contact the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to gather certain
11 information; requiring the Advisory Committee to make a certain report by a
12 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
13 an Advisory Committee to Study Expansion of the All-Payor System.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is an Advisory Committee to Study Expansion of the All-Payor
17 System.

18 (b) The Advisory Committee consists of the following members:

19 (1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
20 of the Senate;

21 (2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
22 the House;

23 (3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
24 designee;

25 (4) The Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or
26 the Executive Director's designee;

27 (5) The Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review
28 Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

1 (6) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's
2 designee;

3 (7) A representative of physicians, appointed by the Medical and
4 Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland;

5 (8) A representative of hospitals, appointed by the Maryland Hospital
6 Association;

7 (9) A representative of psychiatrists, appointed by the Maryland
8 Psychiatric Society;

9 (10) A representative of outpatient mental health clinics, appointed by the
10 Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland; and

11 (11) The following members, appointed by the Governor:

12 (i) One representative of third party payors;

13 (ii) One representative of labor;

14 (iii) One economist specializing in health care financing; and

15 (iv) One consumer.

16 (c) The Advisory Committee shall elect a chairman from among its members.

17 (d) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall provide staff to the Advisory
18 Committee.

19 (e) A member of the Advisory Committee may not receive compensation for
20 serving on the Advisory Committee, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses
21 under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

22 (f) The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once each month.

23 (g) The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to study the effect of expanding
24 the All-Payor System as a means of reducing uncompensated care costs for outpatient
25 health care facilities provided at:

26 (1) Freestanding private psychiatric hospitals;

27 (2) Public and private outpatient mental health clinics; and

28 (3) Urgent care centers.

29 (h) The Advisory Committee shall study expansion of the All-Payor System by
30 evaluating:

31 (1) The feasibility of expanding the All-Payor System to include the
32 health care services identified in subsection (g) of this section; and

1 (2) The effect of expanding the All-Payor System on:

2 (i) Reducing the uncompensated care costs incurred by the
3 facilities listed in subsection (g) of this section;

4 (ii) The accessibility of health care services rendered by the
5 facilities listed in subsection (g) of this section; and

6 (iii) Third party payors, including the Medical Assistance Program.

7 (i) The Advisory Committee shall contact the Centers for Medicare and
8 Medicaid Services to gather information on the feasibility of adding the services
9 identified under subsection (g) of this section to Maryland's waiver under Section
10 1814(b) of the Social Security Act.

11 (j) The Advisory Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to
12 the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General
13 Assembly, on or before December 31, 2003. The report shall include any information
14 received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the
15 flexibility of Maryland's waiver under Section 1814(b) of the Social Security Act.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
18 December 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
19 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.